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The Honorable Steve T. Mnuchin
Secretary of the Treasury
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The Honorable Charles P. Rettig
Commissioner
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Dear Secretary Mnuchin and Commissioner Rettig:

Thank you for the work the Treasury and Internal Revenue Service has accomplished to publish guidance for the Economic Impact Payment (EIP) created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act. I particularly appreciate the efforts by your staff to organize a call with myself and the other territorial delegates this evening to address our questions.

I have several questions of particular urgency. My constituents in the Northern Mariana Islands have not yet received any EIPs, yet the IRS has begun to distribute payments to eligible individuals in the states. I understand the Marianas government is responsible for making these payments in the Marianas, but I want to ensure that Treasury is also doing everything needed to expedite that process. Because residents of the Marianas need relief now.

These are my questions:

1. When will taxpayers in the Marianas who file income tax returns with the Marianas government begin receiving recovery rebates?
2. What actions are needed by the Marianas Government in order for payments to begin? For instance, is the Marianas government required to submit an Economic Impact Payment Implementation plan in order for Treasury to release funds for payments of EIPS?
 - a. To what extent have those actions begun or been completed?
 - b. What remains to do?
3. Are there any statutory impediments or imprecisions delaying payment of recovery rebates in the Marianas?
4. Automatic, direct deposit for SSA and SSI. Relying on [IRS guidance](#), My office has advised Marianas constituents that Social Security and SSI beneficiaries, who do not file income tax

returns, are receiving recovery rebates via direct deposit and that no action is required on the beneficiary's part unless they have dependent children or are new beneficiaries since January 1, 2020, in which event they need to use the "Non-Filers Enter Info Here" portal at IRS.Gov.

This advice has been further confirmed to us to be the understanding of the Joint Committee on Taxation.

A fact sheet on recovery rebates issued by the Marianas government last week indicates that Social Security beneficiaries will need first to file a 2019 tax return with the Marianas in order to obtain a rebate. No distinction is made regarding whether these beneficiaries previously filed returns.

- a. Please confirm that Social Security recipients in the Marianas have begun to receive recovery rebates automatically by direct deposit and that SSI beneficiaries in the Marianas will receive recovery rebates by the beginning of May, per Secretary Mnuchin's announcements.
 - b. Please provide data on the number of SSA and SSI beneficiaries in the Marianas who have received payment and the total amount paid out to these individuals.
5. Automatic, direct deposit for veterans on pensions. Please confirm that veterans on pensions in the Marianas will receive recovery rebates by direct deposit and describe what exceptions there may be this general rule and what actions these veterans may need to take to trigger payments. What is the expected pay-out date for veterans' recovery rebates?
 6. The fact sheet issued by the Marianas government last week states CW-1 visa holders are generally eligible, if their visa status does not expire in 2020. This appears to imply that these visas holders would not be required to file a 2020 tax return and, hence, would have no basis for a 2020 recovery tax credit. Yet, in the states recovery rebate recipients who do not file a 2020 return will not be required to repay the rebate.

Please confirm that all CW-1 permit holders are eligible for EIPs, even if their visa is set to expire in 2020 and irrespective of whether they file a 2020 income tax return.

I look forward to obtaining your responses, resolving any issues, and quickly getting relief payments made to the residents of the Marianas.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress